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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 17 January 1969

25X1 [] received the Director's concurrence in disseminating one hundred copies of the pacification Estimate under the classification of Secret/Sensitive. The Director noted his approval of the manner in which the Estimate was considered at yesterday's USIB meeting.

25X1 [] reported that Tom Hughes has been asked to stay on in the new Administration.

25X1 [] reported that yesterday's USIB executive session on the Terms of Reference for the Pueblo damage assessment went well. An interim status report is expected in at least six weeks.

25X1 [] noted that the DDCI has asked him to wrap up the Agency comments on the Eaton report. The Director expressed the hope that we can use the final paper for our own purposes and as a possible item for discussion with Secretary-designate Laird.

DD/S reported that the trial of the CAT pilots in Taipei opened and closed yesterday. A verdict of "Not Guilty" is expected next Monday.

DD/S noted that an Air America C-47 is reported missing between Hue and Danang. No Agency employees are known to have been aboard, and an investigation is under way.

Carver advised that they are still working on the Vietnam overview paper for Bill Bundy. The Director urged that sufficient time be taken so that we are completely satisfied with the end product.

Carver reported that [redacted] (Regular Army) has an opportunity to be reassigned to ACSI. Carver noted his valuable performance in VASRAC and the value of having a thoroughly knowledgeable person in ACSI. The Director endorsed the reassignment.

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Maury noted that Carver had a good session with Congressman Riegle yesterday and observed that most of the briefing was consumed by Riegle in relating his own views.

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ADD/P called attention to the 18 January issue of The New Yorker containing an article by Mr. Sulzberger mentioning CIA.

The Director requested background on a recent cable from C/FE to COS, Saigon with respect to our possible withdrawal from PHOENIX. Carver explained that the exchange was part of a dialogue going on

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between Headquarters and the field with respect to our possible disengagement from operations which are not primarily focused on intelligence collection. The Director endorsed this effort to sharpen our programs in Vietnam.

The Director mentioned that he talked with three members of the S&T Panel yesterday and noted that the discussions went very well.

The Director reported that he saw Secretary of State-designate Rogers yesterday and expressed the hope that Mr. Rogers will visit the Agency in the near future. The Director underlined the importance of getting to all new Assistant Secretaries of State and providing each with a solid briefing.

The Director mentioned that he saw Senator Jackson yesterday and received the advice that our briefs and presentations should pay particular attention to Soviet strategic weapons capabilities.

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